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**Life Without Parole request filed in death of 3-year-old Amabel Calderon**

*Prosecutors seek LWOP on Freddie Bailey, charged with murder in Calderon's death*

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that the Marion County Prosecutor's Office has filed a request for a Life Sentence Without Parole against Freddie Bailey. Bailey is charged with Murder and Neglect of a Dependent Resulting Death (Level 1 Felony) in the connection with the December 22, 2014, death of three-year-old Amabel Calderon. Bailey is also charged with three counts of Battery (Level 5 Felony) for injuries sustained by Amabel's five-year-old brother and one-year-old sister.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Amabel was diagnosed with a closed head injury, retinal hemorrhages, and bruises over her entire body. The probable cause further alleges that Amabel's head injuries were consistent with being violently hit against a wall and that many of her bruises were consistent with bite marks. The probable cause further states that Bailey told detectives that he bit Amabel and that there was at least one occasion when he picked Amabel off the ground and into the air with only his teeth.

At the time of the death, Bailey was the boyfriend of the children's mother, Maria Calderon. Maria Calderon is charged with two counts of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Death (Level 1 Felony) and two counts of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Bodily Injury (Level 5 Felony) in the case.

In the State's request for life sentence without parole, the alleged aggravating circumstances are that Bailey did burn, mutilate, or torture the victim while she was alive and that the victim was a child less than 12 years of age.

*A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.*